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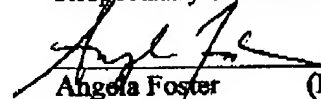
Sir:

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action filed on September 7, 2006, Applicant submits the following items: (i) Complete Listing of Claims (pp. 2-10) and (ii) Remarks (pp. 11-18). Because the following Response is being submitted within the three (3) months shortened statutory period, no fee is deemed due.